

62A-4a-902 Definitions.

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 - (a) "Adoption assistance" means direct financial subsidies and support to adoptive parents of a child with special needs or whose need or condition has created a barrier that would prevent a successful adoption.
 - (b) "Adoption assistance" may include state medical assistance, reimbursement of nonrecurring adoption expenses, or monthly subsidies.
- (2) "Child who has a special need" means a child who cannot or should not be returned to the home of his biological parents and who meets at least one of the following conditions:
 - (a) the child is five years of age or older;
 - (b) the child is under the age of 18 with a physical, emotional, or mental disability; or
 - (c) the child is a member of a sibling group placed together for adoption.
- (3) "Monthly subsidy" means financial support to assist with the costs of adopting and caring for a child who has a special need.
- (4) "Nonrecurring adoption expenses" means reasonably necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses which are directly related to the legal adoption of a child who has a special need.
- (5) "State medical assistance" means the Medicaid program and medical assistance as defined in Subsections 26-18-2(4) and (5).
- (6) "Supplemental adoption assistance" means financial support for extraordinary, infrequent, or uncommon documented needs not otherwise covered by a monthly subsidy, state medical assistance, or other public benefits for which a child who has a special need is eligible.

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